

Town of Westford  
Pesticide Policy Committee  
Minutes of July 12, 2006  
6:00PM  
Westford Water Department  
60 Forge Village Road

*The following are minutes of the Town of Westford – Pesticide Policy Committee meeting of July 12, 2006. A permanent set of these minutes (maintained for a period of six years) is retained in the Town Clerk's office.*

Members Present: Citizen Representatives - Bill Harman, Danielle Battle, Jean LaRoche-Owens; Parks, Recreation, & Cemetery – Patricia Savage; WGC-WCT – Rose Marie Koester; WCT - Diane Duane; Highway Department – Jonathan Revis; Water Department – Jessica Cajigas, Robin Fullford

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

AGENDA

- Approval of meeting minutes of June 22, 2006 and June 28, 2006.  
Action: Due to lack of quorum of members present from the June 22 and 28, 2006 meetings the item was postponed until the next meeting.
- Continue discussion of Draft Pesticide Policy.  
Action: The Committee continued the discussion of the Draft Pesticide Policy.  
Revisions/Additions (attached) were made to:
  - Section 4 – Statement of Action – Added that the list of Town-owned lands and the registry of all pesticides stored on Town-owned lands will be maintained at the Board of Health. Revised last bullet item referring to Pesticide Use Log.
  - Section 6 – Pesticide Advisory Committee – Added the task of conducting public outreach and education activities, and deleted the statement of the PAC meeting only 4 times per year.
  - Added Section 9 – Pesticide Use Log.
- Other discussions - Jessica will contact Richie Crocker to bring Turf Management Plan to the next meeting and to ask him about pest management practices during the summer months (when school is out). Jean was opposed to the suggested make-up of the PAC: 3 Westford Citizens and 6 Department representatives." The Committee discussed the issue and a point was made that the 9 member PAC would function as the advisory board, and that any outreach and educational efforts conducted by the PAC would enlist the help of additional citizens as part of subcommittees. It was agreed that more than the 9 member PAC will be needed to meet the goal of educating the public to reduce and/or eliminate their use of pesticides on private property. Further discussion on the final makeup of the PAC is necessary. Diane volunteered to poll other committees in town to ask how their transitions went following completion of their charges and/or policies.

Next meeting date – July 26, 2006

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM